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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/551,402  
Attorney Docket No. AM919990161US1  
Our Reference: ALM.037

Dear Examiner Hillery:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the final Office Action mailed on June 14, 2004, in the above-referenced application, which is believed to place the present application in condition for immediate allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
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EXTENSIBLE MARK-UP LANGUAGE (XML) DOCUMENTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**BOX AF**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.